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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, except for U.S. Patents 6,413,213 and 5,989,917, were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 10/286,648, filing date November 1, 2002, now Patent No. 6,743,635, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

In light of the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) provided in 1273 OG 55 for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. Patents 6,413,213 and 5,989,917 are not required and therefore are not enclosed.

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